

MD5M GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEETING
Holiday Inn
Alexandria, MN
Saturday, July 19, 2008

Council Chairperson Deborah Harms called the meeting to order with District Governors present from all Districts except for 5M2. VDG Darwin Mathwig represented District 5M2. The meeting began with the Pledge to the flag of the United States led by DG Bernie Braegelmann, 5M5, the Pledge to the flag of Canada led by DG Wayne Preston, 5M13, and an invocation by DG Jim Mulroy, 5M7.

CC Deborah reviewed the rules for the meeting along with the importance of all District Governors being present at the Council Meeting. She also explained the presence of VDG Darwin at the Council Table.

Motion # 1 M/S/P DG Greg Langbehn, 5M6 / DG Wayne Preston, 5M13 to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

Motion #2 M/S/P DG Dan Snobl, 5M3 / DG Bernie Braegelmann 5M5 to approve the agenda with additions.

Two discussion items were brought forward from the May Minutes. One was motion #41 to ask the Legal Advisor to prepare "Step by Step" instructions for clubs and districts to incorporate and update their incorporation with annual filings to the State of Minnesota and the IRS. This item is addressed in the Legal Advisors report, but will remain on future agendas until it is taken care of. The other was Motion #42 to use the data base of e-mails to announce the readiness of each month's MD5M News Letter. This item has been taken care of by the Technology Consultant.

Campaign Sight First II Update, ID Debra Wassermann – ID Debra gave each Governor a print out of the funds raised by district as of the day prior to the Council meeting. Minnesota averaged 94% participation. This was one of the largest participation rates in the world. The total announced at the International Convention for pledges was \$200,329,000.27. The Governors were reminded that all dollars contributed to Campaign Sight First II are eligible for Melvin Jones recognition.

Youth Exchange, Lions Jay & Linda Norby – We have 26 Youth from different countries that are in out Multiple today and we sent 7 youth out this year to different countries. 3 of the youth were present at the meeting and each introduced themselves. Lion Jay expressed thanks to VDG Darwin and Lion Nancy Mathwig for their work over the past years with the Youth Exchange program.

At this time PDG Wayne Swanson presented CC Deborah with an engraved hand made gavel.

Project New Hope, PDG Dale Johansen – PDG Dale would like to come to each of the District Conventions to speak about Project New Hope. PDG Dale also requested the Council's permission to seek a Public Relations Grant for up to \$20,000.00.

ID Debra added that Project New Hope was one of 3 finalists that were nominated for the award of Best New Project at the International Convention.

Regional Leadership Institute, PDG Mary Ferleman – PDG Mary passed out materials and registration forms for the Leadership Institute. Each District is allowed 6 registrants, if a District does not use all 6 those remaining will allow an alternate from another District to attend. PID's, PDG's, DG's and VDG's are not eligible to attend. If anyone has questions, please contact PCC Keith Johnson or PDG Mary Ferleman.

Committee Reports

Constitution/By-Laws – PDG Larry Lindquist

PDG Larry thanked the Council for giving him the opportunity to represent them. PDG Larry as part of the committee will review the Constitution and By-Laws and Policy Manual to insure that they are in sync and also take care of necessary housekeeping items.

Hearing and Service Dogs – PCC Frank Loken

The Governors were reminded that the Heel and Wheel fundraising walk is on Sept 14, 2008 at 1:00 PM at Phalen park in St. Paul. Registration starts at 10:00. All the cabinets are challenged to have a team of 4 or more to do the walk. To register and find more information go to www.hsdm.org. Last year the Lions raised \$31,000 for the walk and we would like to more than double it this year.

LEO Clubs – PDG Jim Martindale

Not present, but had requested that CC Deborah share some information with the Governors. The Leo Forum was canceled this summer because of a lack of registrants in time. Another Leo Forum is being planned. This will be held at the Kimball High School the weekend of MEA in October. Information will be sent to the DG's during the month of August. The registration will be \$30.00 for a LEO and \$50.00 for a non LEO. Please refer to report number 5 in the Governor's folders.

LCIF – PDG Pete Kleingartner

PDG Pete thanked the Council for giving him the opportunity to serve the Multiple as LCIF Chair. Information for the report which is in the Governor's packet came from LCIF and PCC Bob Jechorek. 5M6 received a grant for \$75,000 to improve the Diabetes program and 5M8 \$24,925 for a grant for Boys and Girls clubs in St. Cloud.

Leader Dog – PDG Kay Elliott

All of the Leader Dog Chairs have been contacted in the 11 districts and they have been informed of the trip to Leader Dog which will be the Chairs only and no spouses. They will be leaving on Friday September 12 and returning on Sunday September 14th. Field rep assignments have been made for the Mid Winter Conventions and confirmation of those will be communicated to the Governors and Leader Dog Chairs.

LEHP – PDG Annette Contos

PDG Annette has put together a hand out for the District LEHP Chairs. There are video tapes and information for the District chairs. There is information on how to order LEHP materials from LCI. The LEHP program is in the process of being updated and should be done by next July. You can order brochures and other information from the National Eye Institute for free. List of materials and contacts are included in the information given to each of the Governors.

Canadian Report – Gary Hutchison

The Lions Eye Bank and Medical Assistance Program. The Eye Bank is in very good shape financially. This years run allowed a check to be cut to the Eye Bank for \$107,000. It is also a high profile public relations project for the Lions. The Medical Assistance Program is experiencing a growth in applications for assistance which is keeping the pressure on our fundraising. We have a new website www.eyebankmanitoba.com which has some really good information on it. Please review this site and give us some feedback on it.

Lions Hearing Foundation – PDG Frank Leidenfrost

A job description for the Hearing Foundation Trustees was passed out. The Loaner Hearing Aid Program has been taken over by the State of Minnesota so the hearing aids collected will be categorized and sold for parts. The proceeds from this effort will be divided among the Districts and hopefully be used to assist someone with hearing aids.

MN Lions Eye Bank – DG Jim Mulroy

The Eye Bank has removed the 5 year rule for a Helen Keller Award. Funds contributed to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank will now accumulate until the \$1,000 level is reached and a Helen Keller Award can be given. Workers are needed to staff the Lions Eye Bank and Hearing Foundation booth at the State Fair.

MT Leadership Development – PCC Keith Johnson

The Vice District Governor training will be on October 16 & 17 in Mahanomen. We have a good plan and are looking forward to doing it again. Also be sure that you work hard to get your people in for the Leadership Institute. The Governors were also asked to try to get money for the Vice District Governor training in their budget to help the VDG's out. Please

also share as much information with your Vice Governor as possible, especially concerning the budget.

MT Membership / Retention – PCC Brian Sheehan

PCC Brian thanked the Council for allowing him to continue as the Membership / Retention Chair for the Multiple. We are the 3rd largest Multiple in North America. This is the year where we can get to a positive amount. We have California right behind us by a couple of hundred. This year we can get our membership up there. We are going to try and push once again to have a plus 1 in each club. If we can do that we can be the 2nd largest Multiple in North America within the first quarter of next year. We are not having such a large problem getting new members as with keeping members. We lost 1,981 members last year. We need to have some fun out there and push to keep our members. Another thing as well is the Woman's Initiative. They had a net gain in LCI of 17,485 women. One of the goals is to send out a video to keep people informed. We will also do some conference calls. Conference calls are also available to others to use by contacting PCC Brian.

MT Orientation – PDG Bob Wharton

There are two goals for orientation: One would be to help any district that does not have an orientation program to get one set up. The other would be to challenge the District Orientation Chairs to get out and cover the clubs with an orientation program.

Political Liaison – DG Gary Hutchison

The Governors were asked to make certain that they have the Presidential and Leadership award forms filled out for the October Council meeting. They were also encouraged to help boost attendance at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. ID Debra Wasserman was congratulated on her election to the position of International Director at the International Convention in Bangkok. MD5M offers her our full support as she serves from the heart.

Public Relations – PCC Bert Nelson

The Governors were challenged to make certain that they each have a Public Relations Chair on their cabinet. If the Governors need assistance or if the Public Relations Chairs need help they are asked to contact PCC Bert. There are matching grants available for up to \$1,750 per district for Public Relations. PCC Bert also spoke on the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. The goal is for MD5M to have 300 members in attendance. We are currently at about 200. Please go out and talk it up and brag it up. Do what you can to get people there.

2008 MD5M Convention Report – Exec Sec Bob Harms

The report that is in the Governors folders is not the final report from the 2008 Convention Committee. There were some errors and omissions in the original report. The convention committee will revise the report to more completely reflect the actual income and expenses. The Chair of the Convention Committee has promised that the updated report and an audit will be taken care of as soon as possible.

2009 MD5M Convention Report – Lion Mike Rardin

Planning is going very well for the convention. It has been indicated that the meal book price would be in the \$110.00 to \$120.00 range for the meal book price. It will be a challenge to meet, as our expenses are considerably higher in the metro area. Another thing that we are working on that will have to be finalized in the next couple of months are the seminars and training for the International Convention. We are planning to use a DVD to promote the convention. We will provide a DVD for the Governors to use as a promotion tool. It was decided that the Executive Secretary will make the lodging reservations for the Governors and the Vice Governors,

2009 International Convention Report – PDG Jack Hines / PDG Bob Wharton

The recommended dress will be the blue snowman shirt, khaki pants, black shoes and the white bucket hat. The Governors were asked to promote that. The shirts will be sold for \$35.00. The shirts cost more than that, but the committee will be picking up the difference. The white bucket hat will be given to all of the volunteers when they show up to work. We also need to promote getting our Lions from MD5M down there to volunteer as well as to join in and attend the convention. If anyone has ideas for incentives please let PDG Jack know what they are. Banners will be purchased for the Governors to use to promote the convention at club visits and District Conventions. A four page flyer will be sent out sometime during the August September time frame. At the October Council of Governors meeting we are going to have some training for what we are calling our information reps in your Districts along with the Governors. We would like to squeeze in possibly a half hour so you are up to date on what is happening. In mid October, the volunteer page will be turned on in the web page. Emails will be going out with information that will be useful for your news letters. We have set a goal to get 20,000 Lions at this convention. We need to get at least 2,000 Lions from 5M to attend. We already have about 10 or 11 bands signed up and we still would like some more. If you have ideas, contact PCC Keith Johnson. The Governors were asked to send an email to PDG Jack Hines with any suggestions for ways to promote the convention.

Youth Outreach – PDG Bruce Mintenko / PDG Wally Sapp

Bruce - Each of the Governors was given a folder that came from LCI. The Governors were given the guidelines that 5M13 uses for the Speak Off program. It is up to each district if they want to pursue the Speak Off program or not . The Peace Poster contest is a very important program that attempts to bring peace to the world one young person at a time. This is for ages 11 – 13 and it takes place in the fall, so the Chair persons should be getting ready to go. The Lions Quest program is one of the most important programs we have in Lions. We are planning on having 7 workshops next year and also train another 6 trainers. Wally – One of the most important things we have in Lions is our youth. LCI has money for us, we only have to ask them for it and show them how we are going to use it. Everyone of the District Youth Outreach chairs will be on this committee. We are going to open up a checking account and have meetings every quarter either by internet or by teleconference. If the District Committee chairs want some help or some material, ask them to talk to either PDG

Bruce or PDG Wally. Information will be going out to clubs to explain an award that will be available to promote the program.

Legal Consultant – PDG Wayne Swanson

The Crookston Lions is having a 70th anniversary banquet on the 6th of September, 2008 everyone is invited. For 2008 – 2009 we are going to work with the committee on the Policy Manual and Constitution and By Laws update. The second item is a legal manual for clubs and districts. This will include information on incorporation, non profit status, and filing of 990's, This will be put together as a manual and will also be on the Web Site. We are planning to get it completed this year, but hope to have a draft to review at the October Council meeting. The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is now incorporated.

Technology Operations Consultant – Lion Steve Wasserman

The importance of the disclaimer on the directory was discussed. It is extremely important that everyone is careful to make certain that the directory is not used for any purpose other than for communications between the Lions of MD5M. If the data in the directory were to get into the wrong hands, it could create many problems. Additional copies of the Directory CD are available from Lion Steve upon request. The website has been updated with new information and is available for more information if the Governors would like. Remember that Braille is always available. All you need to do is ask Lion Steve and he will provide material for cabinet meetings or any other Lions function.

Governors Committee Reports

Convention Committee – DG Wayne Preston

Motion #3 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13/Convention Committee to recommend to the Host Committee to prepare a DVD to promote the Multiple Convention.

Motion #4 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13/Convention Committee to recommend to the Host Committee to use artificial flowers at the Multiple Convention.

Motion #5 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13/Convention Committee to continue the First Timers program as it has been done in the past where this year's convention will pay for last year's winners and next year's convention will pay for this year's winners.

Motion #6 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13/Convention Committee to leave it up to the Host Committee as to if they use a band or a Bag Piper for the processional at the Multiple Convention.

Motion #7 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13/Convention Committee to leave it up to each District to contact the Host Committee and let them know if they need a meeting space for any District breakfasts or Cabinet meetings.

Motion #8 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13/Convention Committee to have 3 speakers at the convention. They would be Diabetes, Hearing, and a motivational speaker.

Motion #9 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston 5M13/Convention Committee to allow Tail Twisting, an auction and diabetes screening to raise funds for the Diabetes Foundation at the Multiple Convention.

Motion #10 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13/Convention Committee to invite Karen Neuberg, an astronaut to speak at the International Convention.

Service Activities Committee – DG Dan Snobl

Motion #11 M/S/P DG Dan Snobl, 5M3/Service Activities Committee to ask the legal advisor to prepare a resolution to bring to the delegates of the 2009 Multiple convention supporting Project New Hope as a Multiple District project.

Motion #12 M/S/P DG Dan Snobl, 5M3/Service Activities Committee to support Project New Hope in the application of a LCIF P.R. grant for up to \$20,000.00.

Motion #13 M/S/P DG Dan Snobl, 5M3/Service Activities Committee to authorize the Leo Chair to apply for a \$2,000.00 grant to help support the 2008 Leo's forum.

Headquarters & Finance Committee – DG Peter Van Erp

Motion #14 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp, 5M9/Headquarters & Finance Committee to keep the banking institutions as they are at the present time.

Motion #15 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp, 5M9/Headquarters & Finance Committee to adopt the proposed budget as presented by the Executive Secretary.

Motion #16 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp, 5M9/Headquarters & Finance Committee to table the proposed dues increase and bring it back at the October Council Meeting.

CC Deborah took the action item to set up a teleconference meeting with the Finance Committee to start gathering facts so that we are ready to make a decision at the October Council Meeting.

Motion #17 M/S/P DG Bernie Braegelmann, 5M5/DG Greg Langbehn, 5M6 to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Lion Bob Harms

MD5M Executive Secretary